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Dear Administrator:

The Health Research and Educational Trust of New Jersey (HRET), a non-profit affiliate of the New Jersey Hospital Association (NJHA), and its Quality Institute has just completed the first year of the NJHA *Collaborative to Reduce the Incidence of Pressure Ulcers Among the Elderly in Post Acute Care Facilities and Hospitals*. This project has demonstrated significant improvements in performing risk and skin assessments and in implementing preventive strategies when indicated. Many of the participating organizations are interested in continuing this collaborative work for another year.

The Department of Health and Senior Services is supportive of this collaborative effort and will continue to provide Civil Money Penalty (CMP) funds for nursing homes that are involved with this project for the second year. CMP's are enforcement funds that have been collected from federally certified nursing homes and can only be used to provide an improved quality of life for residents living in nursing homes. The Department will reimburse the cost of the registration for the nursing homes that meet the criteria and follow through on all aspects of this collaborative.

The nursing home will have to register and be selected through the process developed by NJHA. All nursing homes are invited to join the second year collaborative. The NJHA will be providing training to the homes that were not involved in the prior year collaborative. The Department will receive a copy of the selected nursing homes and the application for grant funding will be made available for nursing homes that are participating. After the project is completed and the nursing homes have followed through on their commitment to the Collaborative the Department will reimburse them for the cost of the registration. Please note that reimbursement will be dependent on the availability of CMP funds.

If you have any questions, please call me at (609) 633-8980.

Sincerely,

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